

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-15, 31-60, 75-102, and 131-156 are pending in the present application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 16-30, 61-74, and 103-130 are cancelled. New Claims 145-156 are added, support for which is found, throughout the specification, and for example, at Pg. 8, Lines 5-20. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the present claims in view of the following remarks.

### **I. In the Written Description**

The written description is amended to indicate that the above-identified application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/051,758 filed on January 16, 2002, that United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/716,783, filed November 20, 2000, is now United States Patent No. 6,429,217 and that United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/139,442, filed August 25, 1998 is now United States Patent No. 6,479,523. This amendment inserts no new matter.


### **II. Conclusion**

For at least the reasons given above, Applicant submits that Claims 1-15, 31-60, 75-102 and 131-144 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of these claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

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